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Sent: 8/19/2014 5:18:27 PM
To: Wathen, Tricia@Waterboards [Tricia.Wathen@waterboards.ca.gov]; Carlucci, Carl@Waterboards [Carl.Carlucci@waterboards.ca.gov]
Subject: RE: Kern Valley State Prison - arsenic contamination in water - Letter from Sean Neal - RESPONSE REQUESTED

Alright, I will mark out any mention of names. Thanks.

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From: Wathen, Tricia@Waterboards [mailto:Tricia.Wathen@waterboards.ca.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, August 19, 2014 10:17 AM
To: Chen, Christopher; Carlucci, Carl@Waterboards
Subject: RE: Kern Valley State Prison - arsenic contamination in water - Letter from Sean Neal - RESPONSE REQUESTED

You can just mark it out with a Sharpie pen and rescan it. Both my name and Carl or Rich's should be redacted.

Tricia Wathen, P.E.
District Engineer, Visalia District

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From: Chen, Christopher [mailto:CHEN.CHRISTOPHER@EPA.GOV]
Sent: Tuesday, August 19, 2014 7:45 AM
To: Wathen, Tricia@Waterboards; Carlucci, Carl@Waterboards
Subject: RE: Kern Valley State Prison - arsenic contamination in water - Letter from Sean Neal - RESPONSE REQUESTED

Sounds good. Could you provide me a copy of the CO with the redaction of your name? Thanks.

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From: Wathen, Tricia@Waterboards [mailto:Tricia.Wathen@waterboards.ca.gov]
Sent: Monday, August 18, 2014 5:14 PM
To: Chen, Christopher; Carlucci, Carl@Waterboards
Subject: RE: Kern Valley State Prison - arsenic contamination in water - Letter from Sean Neal - RESPONSE REQUESTED

CO is fine. We would redact my name.

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From: Chen, Christopher [<mailto:CHEN.CHRISTOPHER@EPA.GOV>]
Sent: Monday, August 18, 2014 4:41 PM
To: Wathen, Tricia@Waterboards; Carlucci, Carl@Waterboards
Subject: RE: Kern Valley State Prison - arsenic contamination in water - Letter from Sean Neal - RESPONSE REQUESTED

Thanks for the response. Would there be concern then if I provided a copy of the compliance order to the inmate, which does contain your name and mailing address?

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Sent: Monday, August 18, 2014 4:38 PM
To: Chen, Christopher; Carlucci, Carl@Waterboards
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We typically do not give our contact information to inmates and only provide the position title, which would be "Visalia District Engineer".

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From: Chen, Christopher [<mailto:CHEN.CHRISTOPHER@EPA.GOV>]
Sent: Monday, August 18, 2014 2:45 PM
To: Wathen, Tricia@Waterboards
Subject: FW: Kern Valley State Prison - arsenic contamination in water - Letter from Sean Neal - RESPONSE REQUESTED

Hi Tricia,
I received a follow up letter from an inmate at Mule Creek State Prison. Within the letter, he asks about the state issued 2008 compliance order as well as a contact within CDPH (now State Water Board). May I list you as a contact if he has further questions? I also was thinking of sending a copy of the order to him, as it is a public document anyways.

Thanks,
Chris

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Hi Christopher,

In the attached letter, Mr. Neal addresses a Mr. Chen at the US-EPA. It seems to indicate a Mr. Chen had written a letter on 4/3/2014 about concerns with arsenic contamination of the water at the prison. It's not clear from his letter whether you had written Mr. Neal or whether he obtained a copy of a letter you wrote to someone else.

Anyway this letter is addressed to Mr. Chen at the US EPA Region 9 and after checking the staff directories, you are the only Mr. Chen at Region 9 in the Water Division. The letter requests some information, and I went ahead and found a copy of the California Dept. of Public Health's Compliance Order which addresses all of the issues he asks about – it is attached here. Do you want to respond to Mr. Neal? If you prefer, I can respond to Mr. Neal and enclose the CDPH's compliance order and cc you.

--Kerry Shoji

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